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Snohomish County is a critical center and driver of Washington State's 21st century aerospace and technology-based economy. We ask that you support the following strategic capital and program investments that will help sustain Washington's leadership in America's new economy.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

The Snohomish County region advocates continued support and funding for infrastructure investments and programs that -

- Restore the Public Works Assistance Account or identify new funding mechanisms to provide access to funding for local projects that solve problems and create jobs;
- Ensure the timely and efficient delivery of regional projects funded in the Connecting Washington transportation package;
- Promote increased funding for projects with unmet need, particularly early design dollars to address safety and congestion issues on the US 2 Trestle, improving safety and freight mobility on US 2, and completing SR 522; and
- Work to ensure the preservation, sustainability, and reliability of funding in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Account for environmental cleanup projects.

COMPETITIVENESS

The Snohomish County region recognizes that local firms need supportive policies and programs to compete and succeed at the state, national, and global level through -

- Maintaining aerospace and other high-tech business incentives including reinstatement of the research and development (R&D) tax incentive programs.
- Supporting Rural Innovation through programs, policies and capital funding that spur and sustain economic development that better integrates underserved rural communities and corridors.

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

The Snohomish County region supports investments into educational programs that provide the region with a competitive work force. This includes funding for-

- A sustainable agriculture/food systems degree program at the WSU University Center in Everett:
- A marine engineering program at UW Bothell; and
- A new STEM building at Edmonds Community College.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Our region recognizes the importance of healthy, sustainable communities and supports -

• Tools and funding at the local level to reduce homelessness, assist those suffering from mental health problems and chemical dependency, and reduce crime.

Expresses regional priorities from:











MANUFACTURING

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1st in concentration of **manufacturing jobs** with 63,000 direct jobs, and 750+ companies. 2nd in aerospace manufacturing employment with 43,500 direct jobs and 215+ companies.

TECHNOLOGY

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2nd in the number of **technology-based jobs**, with over 57,000, including 9,400 information and communications tech (ICT) jobs.

WAGES

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\$6.2 billion in wages supported by manufacturing aerospace and ICT